

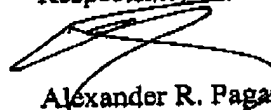
**BEST AVAILABLE COPY****II. REMARKS**

Claims 9-17 are currently pending in this application. Of these, claims 9-14 and 16-17 stand rejected, and claim 15 is objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim. Claim 9 is amended to recite that the activated carbon fabric comprises "an active surface area in the range of 1,500 m<sup>2</sup>/g". Support for this amendment is found in Applicant's specification (see published patent application US 2003/0033701) at paragraph [0016].

**III. CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and the telephonic Examiner Interview conducted on September 22, 2004, between Examiner Tugbang and Alexander R. Pagano, Applicant has overcome all rejections, and reconsideration is requested. No fee is believed due for entry of this amendment. If any fee is required, however, please charge the required fee to deposit account number 501358. A petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 with fee authorization is filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Alexander R. Pagano  
Reg. No. 44,994  
Attorney for Applicant

September 23, 2004

LOWENSTEIN SANDLER PC  
65 Livingston Avenue  
Roseland, NJ 07068  
Tel.: 973-597-6162

**This Page is Inserted by IFW Indexing and Scanning  
Operations and is not part of the Official Record**

**BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES**

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images include but are not limited to the items checked:

- ☐ **BLACK BORDERS**
- ☐ **IMAGE CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES**
- ☐ **FADED TEXT OR DRAWING**
- ☐ **BLURRED OR ILLEGIBLE TEXT OR DRAWING**
- ☐ **SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES**
- ☐ **COLOR OR BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS**
- ☐ **GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS**
- ☐ **LINES OR MARKS ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT**
- ☐ **REFERENCE(S) OR EXHIBIT(S) SUBMITTED ARE POOR QUALITY**
- ☐ **OTHER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.**

**As rescanning these documents will not correct the image problems checked, please do not report these problems to the IFW Image Problem Mailbox.**